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SUBJ: SAN FRANCISCO- LENINGRAD STAFFING AND TRAVEL;

OTHER TRAVEL QUESTIONS

1. AT MFA WORKING LUNCHOEN MARCH 28 INITIATED AND HOSTED BY USA FIVISION CHIEF KORNIYENKO ( OSTENSIBLY BY WAY OF CONTRIBUTING TO CLOASER EMBASSY- MFA RELATIONS), KORNIYENKO BROUGHT UP SAN FRANCISOC PROBLEMS. TAXING THE U. S. WITH DEVISING A PECULAIR SORT OF RECIPROCITY BY DECIDING WHAT THE U. S. COULD DO AND THEN RESTRICING THE SOVIETS TO THE SAME LIMITS, HE REFERRED TO SYNCHRONIZATION OF ARRIVAL OF CONSTRUCTION TEAMS ( STATE 41227) AND ASKED WHY SOVIET SHOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AMERICANS ARE READY. WHY NOT TAKE A BROADER VIEW OF RECIRPROCITY?

2. IN THE SAME VEIN, KORNIYENKO COMPLAINED THAT SOVIETS IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE LIMITED FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES TO CITY LIMITS WHILE AMERICANS IN LENINGRAD CAN TO TO 30- KILOMETER LIMIT.

3. I DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS, WITH SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES, THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE FOUND IT PRUDENT IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIET UNION TO STICK FAIRLY CLOSELY TO THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY. KORNIYENKO WAS NOT SATISFIED, AND I GATHER THAT HE FEELS QUITE STRONGLY ABOUT WANTING TO SEND IN A TEAM SOON TO FINISH UP THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE. HE UNDERLINED THAT THIS WOULD IN NOW WAY AFFECT AGREEMENT TO OPEN CONSULATES SIMULTANEOUSLY. ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES PRESENT, IN AN ASIDE TO ECON COUNSELOR, SAID THAT KORNIYENKO IS VERY  
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UPTIGHT ON THE SUBJECT. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER HE IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM SOVIET SECURITY ORGANS ON THIS SUBJECT, OR WHETHER HE IS THINKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BREZHNEV VISITING SAN FRANCISCO, OR WHETHER HE IS SIMPLY VENTING HIS PEEVISH NATURE ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT.

4. WITH REGARD TO SAN FRANCISCO TRAVEL, WE STILL OWE KORNIYENKO REPLY TO JAN 18 MOTE ( MOSCOW 700). WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONDING SOON TO QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER WHICH WE RAISED IN MOSCOW 801.

5. IN COURSE OF ABOVE DISCUSSION, WE BROUGHT UP MOST RECENT CASE OF EMBASSY TRAVELERS WHO WERE TURNED BACK WITHIN 30- KILOMETER LIMIT IN LENINGRAD ( MOSCOW 3224).

6. OTHER TRAVEL MATTERS:

A. IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION ON RECIPROCITY, I BROUGHT UP PROBLEM RASIED IN RECENT MEETING OF US- USSR JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC- TECHNICAL COOPERATION-- THE FACT THAT U. S. IN 1 962 HAD UNILATERALLY REMOVED TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON SOVIET SCHOLARS, WITH NO RESPONSE FROM SOVIET SIDE. KORNIYENKO SEEMED UNIFORMED ABOUT DISCUSSION OF THIS IN THE COMMISSION, AND UNVONVICNED THAT SOVIET SCHOLARS ARE FREER TO TRAVEL THAN U. S. SCHOLARS IN THE USSR.

B. I ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF NOTE- FREE TRAVEL TO PIONEER POINT, ( STATE 50789) POINTING OUT THAT OUR OWN NEEDS FOR RECREATION AND RECRATIONAL TRAVEL CONTINUE TO GO UNANSWERED AND SUGGESTING NOTE- FREE TRAVEL TO ZAGORSK OR VLADIMIR- SUZDAL AS POSSIBLE EQUIVALENT. KORNIYENKO REPLIED ALONG SET LINES, POINTING TO NOTE- FREE TRAVEL TO DIPLOMATIC RECREATION AREA AT ZAVIDOVA AS APPROPRIATE EQUIVALENT.  
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